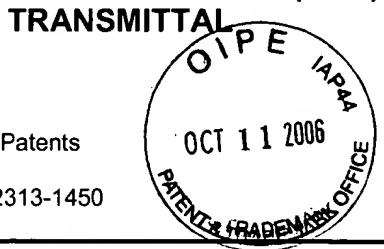
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.									
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.									
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	ii. Other: <u>Amendment After Final filed September 8, 2006</u> .								
	b.		DO NOT ENTER the amendment(s) previously filed on An alternate submission is attached.						
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	a.	Ц	Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)						
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	C.		The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.						
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